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Application of: Kolesnick *et al.*

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For: METHODS FOR THE  
MODULATION OF ACID-  
SPHINGOMYELINASE-RELATED  
APOPTOSIS

Examiner: Huynh, Phuong N.

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated September 10, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the amendments set forth below and consider the remarks which follow.

Attached hereto is: (i) **Exhibit A** ("Marked-Up Version to Show Changes Made in Claims"); and **Exhibit B** ("All Pending Claims After Entry of Instant Amendment"). Applicants submit herewith: (i) a Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences; (ii) a second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including a List of References Cited and copies of references **CK** and **CL**; and (iii) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 5 and 10-13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for identifying a compound which increases a cell's sensitivity to acid sphingomyelinase-related apoptosis, comprising:

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